



News Release

Ohio Winter Wheat Production and Hay Stocks

Winter wheat yield is expected to decrease this year due to extremely wet and cold conditions this spring. Ohio wheat growers expect to harvest 420,000 acres, down 30,000 acres from last year. Wheat production in the State is expected to total 29.0 million bushels. The yield forecast is 69 bushels, down 6 bushels from last year.

National winter wheat production is forecast at 1.27 billion bushels, up 7 percent from 2018. As of May 1, the United States yield is forecast at 50.3 bushels per acre, up 2.4 bushels from last year's average yield of 47.9 bushels per acre.

Hay stocks on Ohio farms on May 1, 2019 were 180,000 tons, down 31 percent from this time last year.

All hay stored on United States farms, as of May 1, 2019, totaled 14.9 million tons, down 3 percent from a year ago. Disappearance from December 1, 2018 - May 1, 2019 totaled 64.1 million tons, compared with 69.1 million tons for the same period a year earlier. This marks the lowest May 1 hay stocks since the drought of 2012 and the second lowest since records began in 1950.

Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production by Crop – Ohio and United States: 2017 - 2019

Commodity	Ohio			United States		
	2017	2018	2019	2017	2018	2019
Wheat, winter						
Planted 1,000 acres	490	490	500	32,726	32,535	31,504
Harvested 1,000 acres	460	450	420	25,301	24,742	25,214
Yield Bushels	74.0	75.0	69.0	50.2	47.9	50.3
Production 1,000 bu	34,040	33,750	28,980	1,270,282	1,183,939	1,268,461

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